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HB 194, HD 1 RELATING TO ACCRETION

Statement for
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HB 194 pertains to the registration and land-use designation of accreted land and to measures that may affect the erosion or further accretion to such land. This statement on the bill does not reflect an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

At a hearing of this committee held on 23 February we commented favorably on the Senate companion to the original House version of this bill, but made a suggestion for clarification. The accreted land to which proposed HRS Section 183-45 relates was originally referred to simply as that "newly accreted". In HD 1, reference is made to the accreted land as that specified in HRS 501-33 or HRS 669-1, as we suggested.

In HD 1 also provides in HRS 183-45 that the accretion to which reference is made is not to be regarded as affecting public property. This addition seems unnecessary, but it is not improper.

We consider HD 1 an improvement over the original bill and consider that its passage will assist in shoreline management in the manner discussed in our original statement.